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To: All Stakeholders

From: Emily Blanford, Assistant Director

Date:

Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Strategic Plan for Assuring Timely Access to Services for Individuals
with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Purpose: To distribute the Department's Strategic Plan for Assuring Timely Access to Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and to inform stakeholders of the ongoing opportunity to provide feedback.

Background: Through its passage of House Bill 14-1051, the Colorado General Assembly directed the Department develop a strategic plan in consultation with stakeholders to, "ensure that Coloradans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families will be able to access the services and supports they need and want at the time they need and want those services and supports." The Department hosted five community engagement meetings in October 2014 to provide information and clarification about the services administered by the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and to gather stakeholder feedback used to inform the development of the strategic plan.

The attached report was submitted to members of the Colorado General Assembly on November 1, 2014, and includes the Department's initial plan and a list of strategic initiatives to assure timely access to services.

Procedure or Information: The Department is grateful for the broad stakeholder participation it received at the community engagement meetings and would like to invite stakeholders to participate in an ongoing conversation. The report, along with instructions for providing additional feedback and a listening log used to document to the Department's response to all stakeholder questions and comments, will be posted to the Department's website by the end of November 2014.



The Department will also host additional community engagement meetings and provide quarterly updates to the strategic plan as it is further developed and implemented. Dates and locations of those meetings will be announced in future communications.

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